

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

According to the present invention, e-mails are selectively preserved. Hence, it is possible to efficiently utilize a memory, since only data of a type supported by e-mail application software is selectively preserved. Since the type of data of the received e-mail is automatically determined, it is unnecessary to add particular data for controlling handling of the e-mail, operability is improved, and a complicated data structure is not necessary. Moreover, since appropriate determination and processing are performed for each of a plurality of data contained in the received e-mail, it is possible to prevent abandonment of all data based on the first data.

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